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TO: Minerals File

FROM: Doug Jensen, Reclamation Specialist *DJ*

RE: Site Inspection, Standard Gypsum Products Inc., Bloomington Hills, S/053/007,
Washington County, Utah

Date of Inspection: April 14, 1999
Time of Inspection: 1700
Conditions: Warm and Windy
Participants: Lynn Kunzler and Doug Jensen DOGM

Purpose of Inspection: Request to inspect and release site

This mine site was discussed with Larry Gore, Dixie Resource Area BLM. He stated though the site was on state lands, the BLM had received quite a few negative comments and complaints.

Access to this site was made through existing roads. Upon reaching the site we found no change from the 10/22/96 visit by Wayne Hedberg, UDOGM. The area was cluttered with garbage, (apparent illegal dumping from nearby homes) and large boulders along the ridge. The boulders are a product of the mining operation. A total of <2 acres was disturbed at this site. The predominant regrowth in the disturbed areas seems to be cheat grass.

While the area does not involve an environmental concern, the proximity of Bloomington Hills and a housing development being built within a half mile of the site is what is creating the complaints. This site does not have any highwalls or pits that will put the public in peril, but there is a rubble field of large boulders that are of some concern. Due to the location and nature of the site, reclaiming the area will not destroy any volunteer growth. No growth medium has been stored in the area as it appears there probably wasn't any in the area of the mine. There is sufficient loose material on the ridge top to push down and cover the boulders and blend the area to improve the visual impact.

In summary, due to the location of this mine it is felt that an effort should be made to recontour and reseed the area. This needs to be done before we release the operator from the permit. The Division needs to pursue fee collection on the permit. This file to remain open. Photos were taken to document the site conditions. GPS was used to establish UTM coordinates.

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